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MARCHES WEEKLY **BULLETIN**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Learning Events
We run these events all through the year. These are opportunities for parents and carers to come and hear first-hand about key information or events in your child's year, to help us all work effectively for the benefit of the children.
Our first events this year are for **Year 9** and **Year 10**. These are two distinct events even though they are taking place on the same evening, **Thursday 29th September** at **6.00 p.m.**

Year 9 Parent Learning Event - The focus for this evening is:
- Early information on the Curriculum structure Extended Route/EBacc Route.
- Early advice on Year 9 GCSE Options process in January and February 2016.
- Careers advice and an opportunity to discuss future plans.
- An opportunity to explore the Kudos software package.
- Opportunity to meet the Pastoral Team at the start of the year.
- MILK – an opportunity for parents and carers to find out more about the new homework system.

Year 10 Parent Learning Event - The focus for this evening is:
- General advice and information on the reformed GCSE grades 9 - 1.
- Important study tips and advice from our Subject Leaders.
- An opportunity to meet the Pastoral Staff at the start of the year.
- An opportunity to meet the Sixth Form Team.
- An opportunity to talk about careers and future pathways.
- MILK – an opportunity for parents to find out more about the new homework system.

You will receive a letter next week detailing the event and how to book your places.

Futures Award Winners
Yesterday our award winners and community sponsors of our programme enjoyed high tea to celebrate the students who had all worked extremely hard to achieve a host of badges and have also gained valuable skills at the same time. The Futures Award focuses on the key attributes students need in the world, alongside their exam results, characteristics that make them successful as adults and this group of students have embraced this opportunity to the full.

MILK Homework app update
We hope Years 8 – 11 have been getting used to the new app and we are pleased to share that Year 7 and Sixth Form will be receiving their student log in details next week.
The app is also available to download for parents and carers. Your personal log in details will be delivered in envelopes via your child next week. MILK can also be viewed on pc or tablets at milkstudentplanner.com.
If you have not received this envelope by the end of next week please contact Mr Garratt at garratt.c@marchesschool.net.
If you need any guidance this can be found here. We would love to hear how you are finding the new system; please email Mr Garratt with your comments.

Open Evening Just Around the Corner
Our next open evening is taking place on Thursday 22nd September. Please do come and join us and share this with any families with Primary students, who we would be delighted to welcome.

Progress Leaders Year Group Letters
There are some key events for specific year groups to add to your diaries. This can also be found on the website. Year 7 here, Year 8 here, Year 9 here, Year 10 here and Year 11 here.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Bonington - 804 Mallory - 886 Whittaker – 623 Hargreaves – 921 Stephens - 775

Reminders

If for any reason your child loses a letter, letters can be downloaded and viewed on the Parent & Student section of the School Website under Letters. If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8:30 a.m. Call the School on 01691 664400 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, form, house and reason for absence.

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September – Friday 16th December
Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October
Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December – Friday 30th December
PD Day: Friday 21st October

Oliver! Auditions

Auditions for our school production Oliver! will be taking place on Tuesday 20th September from 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. in the Drama Studio. Students from all year groups and of all abilities are welcome. If any students are interested in auditioning they are to collect a letter from the Drama Office.

Sporting Fixtures

Tuesday 20th

- Year 10 football at Oswestry School

Wednesday 21st

- Year 9 and Year 10 Netball at Shrewsbury Sports Village
- Netball Year 7 (A + B team) Year 8 (A + B team) v Llanfyllin High School – Home
- Sixth Form football at Oswestry School

Marches Futures Celebration Event

Yesterday evening we hosted a special tea party for the Futures Award top performers in 2015-16. Students and their friends and families celebrated with tea and cakes and were awarded their certificates and trophies by Mayor of Oswestry, Paul Milner. Well done to all students who attended with a special mention to Rebecca Owen who, in Year 8, received the highest amount of reward points across the school.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The extra-curricular timetable has now been launched. We would like all students to get involved in at least one club. There is a wide choice and the link to the information is here. The wide variety of clubs demonstrates staff commitment to the whole student experience beyond exams.

School Car Park

Please can parents/carers be aware that the school car park is out of bounds at the start and end of the school day.

Year 12 Parent Event

On Monday 19th September there is the opportunity to meet the Sixth Form Leadership team where you will be able to ask questions. You will be able to find out how you can support your child during their A Level studies with greater awareness, knowledge and understanding. This will take place from 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. in the main school hall. Refreshments will be available.